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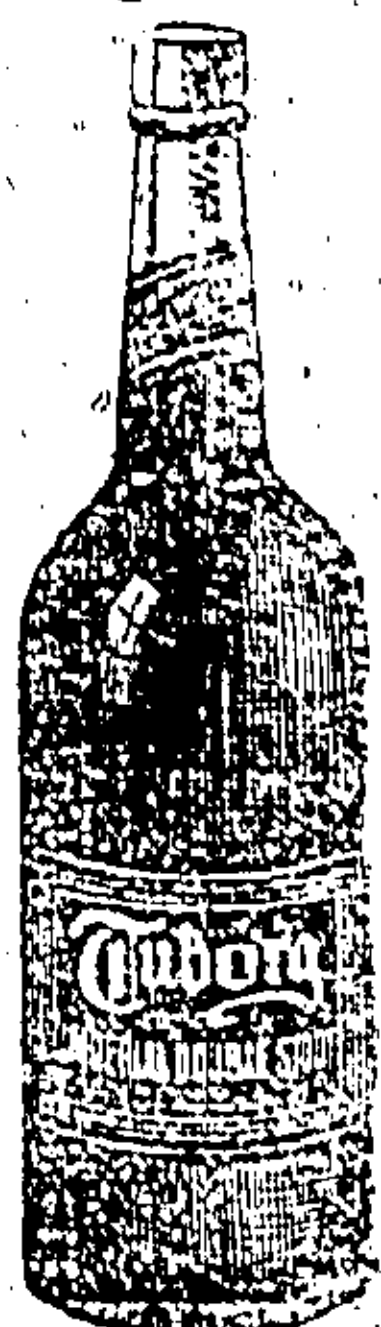
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FOREIGN POLICY.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S WARNING
TO GERMANY.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) and Mr. Amery (Colonial Secretary) were the principal guests in Birmingham recently at the thirtieth annual dinner of the Birmingham Jewellers' and Silversmiths' Association, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. E. Collins, its president.

Responding to the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," proposed by the Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. Chamberlain, who was received with great cordiality, said his object—as must be the object of any Foreign Secretary—was to establish firmly the peace of the world. His contact with many Foreign Secretaries had impressed him with the uncertainty and uncertainty clouding the present European situation. "The old Europe was consumed in the fires of the Great War," said Mr. Chamberlain, "and the new Europe has yet to be built on foundations that may give peace and security to the nations of the old world. In some stages of our progress from the old to the new, America has played an important and vital part; but Europe must work out its own salvation, and will find support elsewhere just as it shows its own power and its own self-reliance. No one can fill my office without feeling that Europe is still suffering profoundly from the unrest of the war, and that the first act of statesmanship must be to give security to the new order of things and to allay the forces which prevent progress, and which prevent it because they are so real and vivid and anxious." Provided that its friends did not expect too much of it in its infancy, Mr. Chamberlain said, the League of Nations would become strong in the councils of the world, bringing to bear the moral forces of the world on the side of justice and peace; but before the League could prove its usefulness a difficult road must be travelled.

It had been suggested that his visits to Paris and Rome had been made for the purpose of constructing a front against this or that party. Nothing was further from his thoughts. His task was to allay all differences and bitterness. (Cheers.) But old differences could not be allayed by forgetting old friendships; and the first thing he had set himself to do was to renew and reaffirm the close understanding and cordial relations which had existed between ourselves and our Allies. France had need of guarantee against the repetition of the injuries which she had received in recent years; and until she received such security we would neither have allayed those fears nor have taken the first step necessary towards the forgetting of ancient feuds and yesterday's embittered strife. Alluding to the recent exchange of Notes with Germany regarding the occupation of Cologne, Mr. Chamberlain said he regretted the tone and temper of the German replies, and the speech of the German Chancellor on the previous night. "I am not going to enter into controversy conducted in that method," he said. "I content myself with taking note of one sentence in the German Chancellor's speech, that his Government is absolutely determined to make good any failures to disarm which may be proven by the Allies or come to its knowledge through other channels, and with repeating the last sentence of the Allies' Note, which seems to have escaped the attention of the German Government, that the Allies on their side 'are determined scrupulously to fulfil their treaty obligations.'" (Cheers.)

EGYPT'S ROAD TO PROSPERITY.

In the course of a lengthy reference to Egypt Mr. Chamberlain said the murder of Sir Lee Stack brought to a head a situation which had been festering ever since the independence of Egypt was restored by the free act of the British Government. The murder of Sir Lee Stack obliged the British Government to give a sharp lesson to the Egyptian Government then in power, and over which Zaghoul Pasha presided. Zaghoul Pasha had been warned by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald of the inevitable result of the course he was pursuing, and he met the friendly overtures of Mr. MacDonald with nothing less than an ultimatum, which refused to accept the basic conditions of Egyptian independence. Nothing short of the expulsion of Britain from the Sudan and the abandonment of our obligations in Egypt and the Sudan would satisfy his exorbitant and exaggerated claims. He was warned that if he and those under his influence continued to teach the Egyptians that loyalty to Egypt was incompatible with loyalty to Great Britain the only result would be that the Egyptian forces would have to leave the Sudan. But he persisted in his course of disloyalty to the fundamental conditions of Egyptian independence and hostility to British possession of the Sudan. When his campaign resulted in the death of the Sultan, Zaghoul Pasha sought to evade responsibility by resignation, and left to others the task of solving the difficulties he had created, and saving the Egyptian liberties which he had so seriously endangered. The British ultimatum did no more than was necessary for the bare protection of our undoubted rights and interests and the fulfilment of our equally undoubted obligations.

The British Government was profoundly interested in the establishment and maintenance of good and friendly relations with the people of Egypt. The Egyptian Chamber of Deputies had been dissolved, and to the Egyptian people had been given the opportunity of deciding what should be the trend and purpose of Egyptian policy. In that decision the British Government had had no share. "But I will venture to express the hope," Mr. Chamberlain added, "that the Egyptian people will weigh well the consequences of the decision they are called upon to give, and the results of the choice they will have to make. I hope they will realise how important it is, not only for the future of their relations with us, who are resolved at all costs to defend the vital interests of the British Empire, but also to the maintenance and enjoyment by Egypt itself of the liberties which we have conferred upon it, that their Government should

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Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their weekly share report, dated March 6th, say:

The market has shown a weaker tendency and prices are lower in many instances, but there are a few exceptions such as Unions, Electrics and Cements, which have been in good demand.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have further advanced and have been bought up to \$1,240. Shares on the London Register are quoted at \$140 (middle). Bank of East Asia shares are wanted at quotation but there are no sellers in evidence.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have been in strong demand and close with buyers at \$388. Cantons, after sales at \$745, have buyers at \$740. Yangtzes are enquired for and can be placed at \$425. Both China Fires and Hongkong Fires are firm with no business reported.

Shippers.—Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboats after rising to \$37 have since weakened and are on offer at \$31. "Star" Fernies are slightly lower, but there are buyers at \$29. Douglas Steamships are enquired for at \$38.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further weakened and shares are offering at \$65. Malabons have been in some demand and could probably be placed at \$40.

Oils and Mining.—Bangkats "combined" have strengthened to a buying rate of Tls. 23. "Shell" Transports have been dealt in locally at \$3.8d. and Kailans are wanted at \$2/6d. Bequaets Consolidated are offering at \$2.80, but there are buyers slightly below this rate.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Electrics have had a further smart rise and have been sold up to \$56. China Lights have been booked at \$28 and continue firm. Hongkong Tramways are inclined to weaken and shares have changed hands for the settlement at \$36.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong & Whampoa Docks weakened considerably when the result of the year's working became known and the announcement of only a small dividend. There are sellers at \$131, with no buyers over \$128. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves have receded and are offering at \$191 ex dividend. Both Shanghai Docks and New Engineering are firm. The former have been sold to Shanghai at Tls. 120 and the latter at Tls. 8.75.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are weak with sellers at \$92. Hampshire Estates have been booked at \$191. Hongkong Realty's after sales in the early part of the week at \$2.40 have had a smart rise to \$4.00. Territorials have also been in request and have risen to \$4. Hongkong Hotels (old) have found buyers at \$171.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have been sold to the North at Tls. 12.40. Shanghai Cottons after sales at Tls. 38 are now wanted at Tls. 60. Orientals have improved and buyers are now offering Tls. 4.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been largely dealt in and have more than recovered the amount of the dividend of \$1.40, having been bought up to \$231 ex dividend. China Fireworks have weakened somewhat, the old shares being on offer at \$161 and the new at \$9. There are buyers of the combined shares at \$281. Dairy Farms have changed hands at \$26/2d. Watsons are higher with buyers of the old shares at \$22 and the new at \$15.

Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 2/31 and on Shanghai 74.

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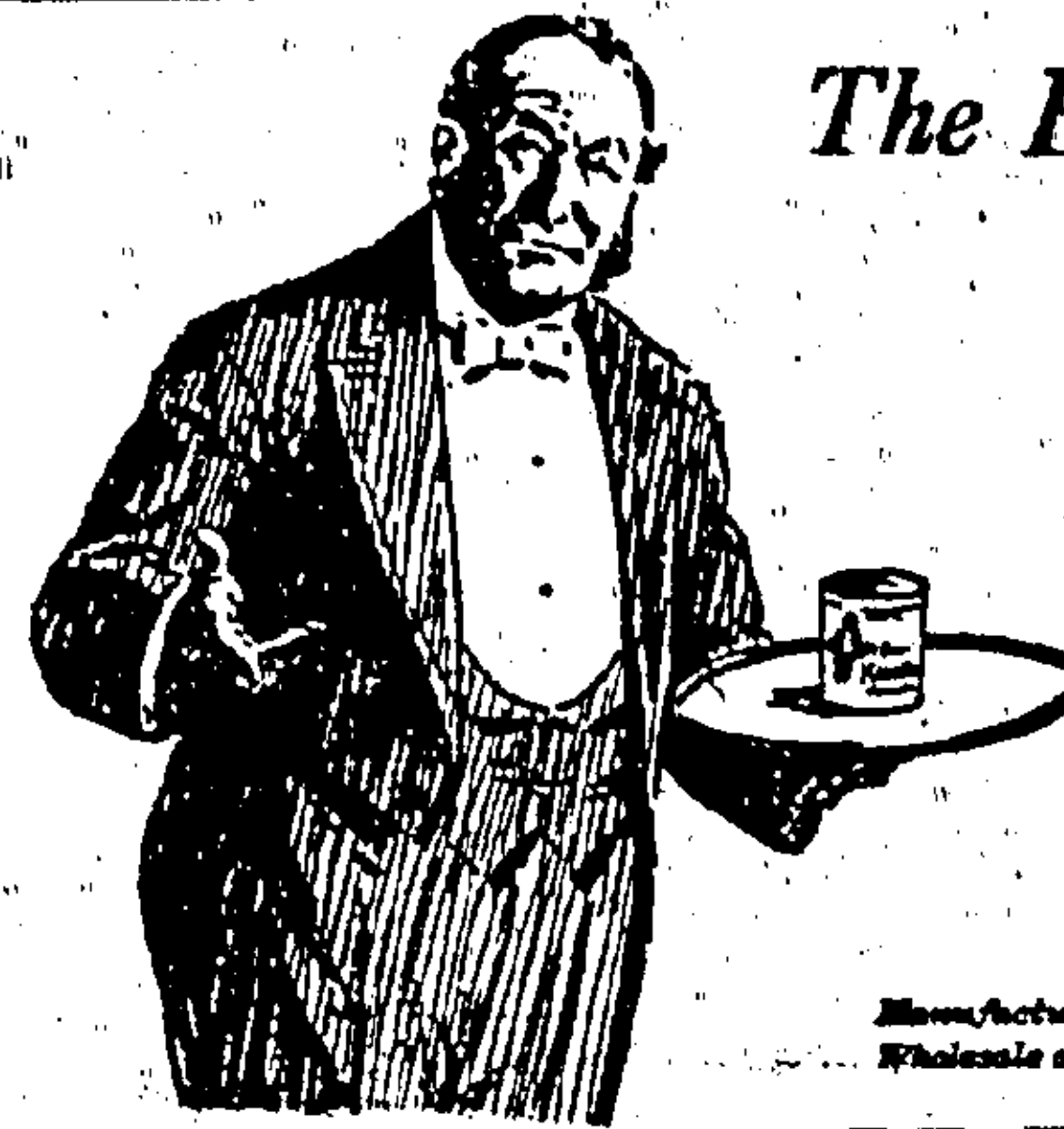
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With regard to the German portion of the Hukuang Railway 5 per cent. Loan, it is understood, says *The Times*, that the requisite funds for the interest service have been available for a month, and that the delay in releasing the money has been due to differences between the Chinese Government and the distributing agents. After the definite pronouncement of the Chinese Government of July 2nd last that the embargo on payments upon German issues of Chinese loans had been removed, it is very regrettable that questions of a petty, or subsidiary, nature should have been allowed to interfere. For the sake of the bondholders, and of China's credit, it is imperative that steps be taken promptly to end the delay.

Replying to the foregoing, Dr. Wei Cheng Chen, Secretary to the Chinese Legation, asked that it be made clear that the cause of the delay in the payment is not differences between the Chinese Government and the distributing agents, but between the distributing agents themselves, as the money for the service of the whole of the loan has already been paid by the Chinese Government to the distributing agents.

The writer of City Notes in *The Times* observes that Dr. Chen's statement will, not without reason, increase the impatience of those bondholders who are still waiting to cash their coupons. It is necessary to remember that there are other German issues of Chinese loans on which the last maturing coupons have not been met—namely, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loan of 1908 and the Tientsin-Pukow Supplementary Loan. Since then a large proportion of the German issues of these loans has been transferred to this side, and holders are at a loss to understand why they should be discriminated against.

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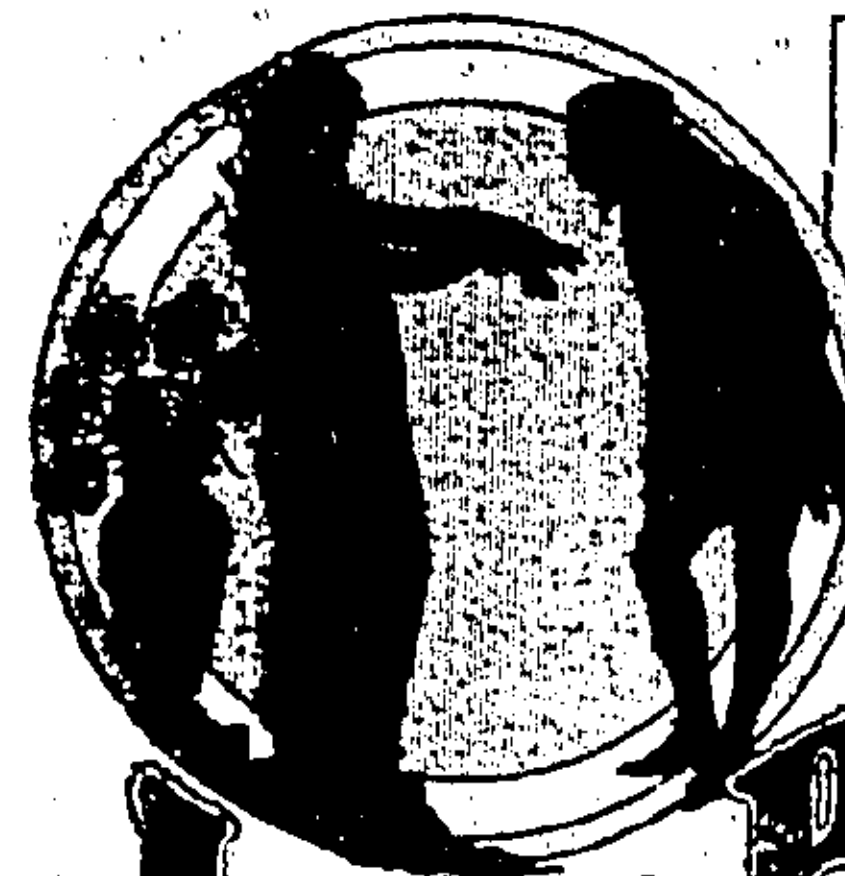
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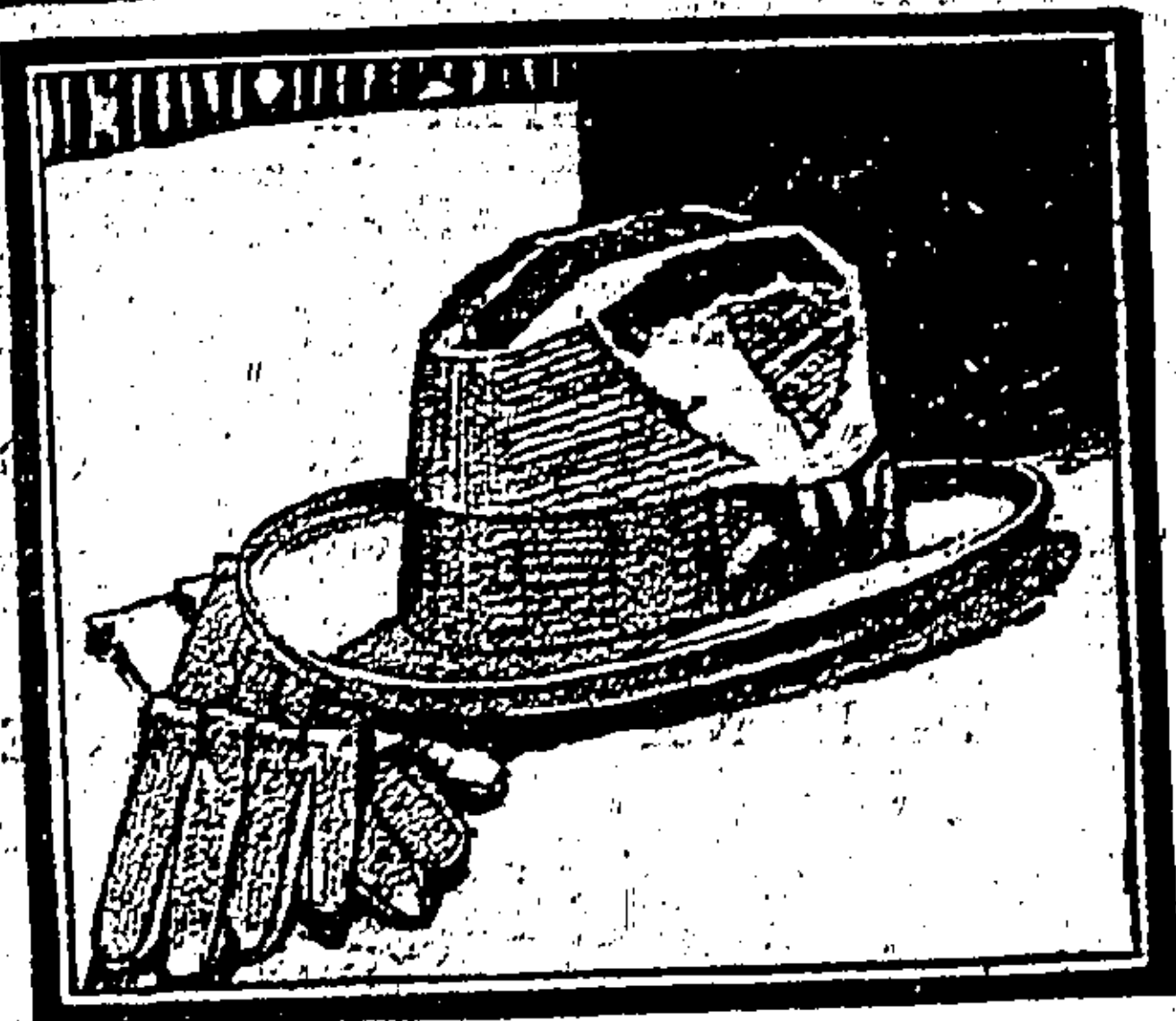
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

BURNS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

DECAY OF THE "DORIC."

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, January 28th.

The Burns celebrations were this year more widespread than at any time since the close of the war. Scarcely a town or village was without some recognition of the "natal day," and in the cities and large centres the gatherings were many and varied in character. It is estimated that some 100,000 people drank the toast of "The Immortal Memory." Within the last 25 years the Burns festivals have greatly changed for the better; the anniversary is still celebrated with the customary spirit, but less of it. Time was, for instance when women were excluded from Burns clubs as rigorously as they are kept out of Freemasons' lodges. The bare idea of a mere woman sitting down at a club table and quaffing the poet's health would have scandalised the Burns enthusiast of a generation ago. Now the sex are taking their place at our tables on "the 28th," actually making speeches and proposing toasts, and their presence is heartily welcomed by the other diners.

Scotland gave a dynasty to Britain; she almost succeeded in imposing Presbyterianism on England; she gave Londoners the kilt; and she has given whisky to the world. And now it looks as if her cult of Burns were on the way to become universal. The blast of "Janwar" win is sweeping around the globe. Anniversary articles on Burns by distinguished men who have no connection with Scotland appear in England and America. "Punch," that used to deal only with the humorous side of Burns celebrations, weighs in with memorial verses in excellent Doric. Is it because England has left herself almost destitute of national festivals and commemorations that she is so ready to adopt Scottish customs? Is she like Rome, which adopted the gods of all other peoples and neglected her own?

One of the features of the celebration just closed was the plea made on behalf of the vernacular. The truth is that Burns is unintelligible to a large part of his countrymen to-day without the aid of a glossary. "The Doric" has become almost an alien tongue. As Lord Anderson suggests, "a daimonicker in a thrave" is Greek to most of us. The decline of the Scottish dialect has reached such a point that a large revival campaign is declared to be necessary if it is to be saved from oblivion. Burns enthusiasts have been laying their heads together, and among the treasures they suggest for the rescue of Scots is the devotion of greater attention to the vernacular literature in primary and secondary schools. Unfortunately, when a language or a dialect begins to die it is one of the most difficult tasks that man can undertake to bring it to full vitality again. The Anglicising of Scotland, at least in the matter of speech, is almost complete. The vernacular, which used to roll genially from the tongues of the nation's intellectual leaders, is now unknown, except for an occasional word or two, in our Scottish homes.

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A single-screw steamer, built to the order of Messrs. Chambers & Co., Liverpool, for trade in the Far East, was launched from Stannergate Shipyard, Dundee, by the Caledonian Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd. She was christened *Ruby* (after Mrs. James Chambers). The principal dimensions are: Length, 400 ft.; breadth, moulded, 32 ft. 3 in.; depth, moulded to upper deck, 20 ft.; gross tonnage (approximate), 4,900. She will be fitted with Diesel motor engines by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co. (Ltd.), Wallsend.

CULTS—AND OTHERS.

A Rugby Scot who had a chat with some members of the French Rugby team, including reserves, before they left Edinburgh, found them very good fellows. He was interested to learn that they came from different parts of France. One was a Breton and looked very like a West Highlander, another from Toulouse was fair and was claimed by the Breton as a Celt, while a third and hefty "Joan" was resident in Berne and looked, as one of the players said, like "a descendant of the ancient Helvetii," a famous Celtic tribe of mountaineers which caused Julius Caesar to invade Gaul.

NOT RUGBY AS WE KNOW IT.

The French Rugby men had, of course, a great reception in Edinburgh, and an enthusiastic send-off. It must be said, however, that one did not like many of their tricks on the football field. They were repeatedly penalised—at least a dozen free kicks were given against them—for "feet up," for "offside," and for "obstruction." And one liked least of all their habit of chattering like magpies when an opponent was preparing to take a kick at goal from a free, or a try, and actually shouting just as the ball was about to be kicked. That may not be against the rules of Rugby, but it is not Rugby as we know it. Probably it is the custom in France, and the French players do not realise what we think of such a thing in this country. They have a lot to learn yet in regard to the etiquette of Rugby football, and the spirit in which it should be played. That obviously applies to the players as well as the spectators, and as regards the latter it is interesting to note that the Irish Union have complained to the French authorities against the way the spectators behaved in the recent match at Paris.

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THE DISORGANISED RAILWAYS.

REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN NORTH CHINA.

The Asiatic News Agency of Peking, says:—

According to a memorial from the Chiao Tung (Communications Department) to the Chief Executive, owing to the stern measures adopted by Marshal Chang Tso Lin and Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, for the effective restriction of military movements, normal conditions have been restored on the Peking-Mukden and the Peking-Suiyuan Railways.

With reference to the conditions along the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Lines, further telegrams have been sent to General Lu Yung Hsiang at Nanjing, General Cheng Shih Chi at Tientsin, General Li Ching Lin at Tientsin, General Sun Yueh at Paoing, General Hu Ching Yi at Kaifeng and General Hsiao Kuo Nan at Wuchang requesting them to adopt similar stringent measures with the view to effecting an early restoration of normal commercial traffic on the two railways. Up to the present, the Fengtien army on the Tientsin-Pukow Line has restored the majority of the blue express cars to the railway administration, while on the Ching-Han Line, Gen. Hu has ordered the hawking of cabs, wagons and engines which have been held at the Chenchow station by the Second National Army. Special delegates of the Government are visiting the various railway stations for the purpose of finding out whether there is any idle rolling stock in the hands of the ignorant soldiers so that the attention of their superior officers can be called to the matter and early release of the stock for traffic be secured.

It appears that owing to the forcible retention of railway wagons and locomotives at Paoingfu and Shihchiachuang, the section of the Ching-Han Line under the control of General Sun Yueh is the worst at the moment. It is hoped that the conditions will be improved after the evacuation of the Third National Army troops, who will probably accompany General Sun Yueh to Honan.

Latest telegrams from General Hsiao state that orders have been issued to allow the trains to pass Wushenguan during night and that the cars will be inspected by the Hsiao soldiers at the frontier at day time without further military restrictions. Notwithstanding the strained relations between General Hu Ching Yi and General Kan Yu Kan, the trains of the Chin Han Railway are running as usual. There is no obstacle at Chenchow or any other station, though there are military congestions.

FLORA MACDONALD TABLET.

A beautiful chiselled block of granite from Balmoral, forming a tablet memorial to Flora Macdonald, has been given by the Flora Macdonald College for Girls at Red Springs, North Carolina. It is about three feet square, and bears the Royal Coat of Arms and the crest of the Stewart Society, along with the following inscription: "This tablet of granite from Balmoral was gifted by His Majesty King George V. to the Stewart Society for presentation to the Flora Macdonald College in memory of a Scottish heroine as another link between Britain and America, 1745-1925." Flora Macdonald spent five years of her married life in North Carolina, and displayed active interest in the American Revolution on the side of Great Britain.

HIGHLAND CATTLE.

The picturesque Highland cattle which have figured in so many old paintings and are greatly admired by visitors to the land of glens and bens, are threatened with extinction. They are no longer profitable stock, and the demand for them has consequently fallen off. Their yield of milk is not heavy, but it is particularly rich. It is said, indeed, that no milk yields such cream as does that of the heather-top-cropping Highlander. For a time farmers found it profitable to breed Highlanders, a demand for them having been created in England, where they were placed in parks and woods of large estates. But the war conditions intervened, and this demand has fallen off. The breed being threatened with extinction, the Board of Agriculture is considering a herd on one of its farms. A kind of Highland ponies is also being kept, as this animal is likewise vanishing.

THE HUMOUR OF GOLP.

It always looks absurd, says Mr. Stacy Aumonier, one of our best known short-story writers, to see some great big healthy man hitting a tiny stationary ball with an iron club. But Mr. Aumonier, is not telling the whole story. Sometimes the great big healthy man hits the ball with a wooden club, and sometimes with an aluminium club, and sometimes he may not hit the ball at all. When he does not hit the ball the spectacle becomes much more absurd, as it is then that the face of the tiny stationary ball becomes dimpled in smiles. Then the primal qualities of the big healthy man display themselves as he either: (1) brandishes the club in the air, (2) breaks it over his knee, or (3) uses language before his caddy for which he is afterwards reprimanded by the club secretary. It may be that, like Solomon, Mr. Aumonier confines himself to the ladies' course.

PERSONALIA.

Mr. E. H. Liddell, the Olympic Champion, says that he never made any change in his diet during his period of training. Sir George McCrae, ex-Liberal M.P. and formerly Chairman of the Scottish Board of Health, writes to Mr. Asquith, "I feel very strongly that my immediate duty is to resign my membership of the Liberal Party," and to Mr. Lloyd-George, "I do not feel that I can go on ploughing the sand." For over 30 years Sir George has been one of the leaders of Scottish Liberalism.

"VINDICTIVE" FOR HONGKONG.

IS DELAY DICTATED BY DIPLOMACY?

Announcing, in its issue for January 28th, that "although the cruiser *Vindictive* is now carrying out her sea-commissioning trials after having been a good many months in dockyard hands at Chatham, she will not join the China Squadron until July next," the *Naval and Military Record* adds:

"It is quite possible that there may be a diplomatic reason for delaying the departure of the *Vindictive*. This vessel has been reconditioned to her original metier, after having been employed as an aircraft carrier and in troop service. She now mounts the same armament as the other vessels of the *Hawkins* class, which means that she is one of the largest and most powerful post-war cruisers afloat. Her addition to the China command will, therefore, mean a substantial increase in the fighting strength of that force."

The recondescence of the Singapore scheme appears to have had a curiously disturbing effect upon Japanese opinion. This is, undoubtedly, traceable to propaganda, which is mischievously coupling British policy with alleged American designs. Even Japanese statesmen, who found no grounds for criticism of the Singapore project when it was originally proposed, are now displaying anything but equanimity at its revival. In these circumstances the Admiralty may well regard it as tactful not to lend colour to this misapprehension by distinctly increasing the fighting strength of the China Squadron just at the present juncture."

A TAOIST CELEBRATION.

A Foochow correspondent writing in November last, related the following interesting incident:—

"Two weeks ago there was a Taoist festival which only occurs once in every ten years. It lasts about five days, and during that time everyone prays for the souls of the dead who have left no relatives or friends to tend their graves or perform the necessary rites."

One evening after dark we went down into the city and visited two of the biggest Taoist temples. The first contained some marvellous bits of jade, and several fascinating statuettes, each carved from a single tree-plant root. All these curios were for sale. Above the altar in the centre sat a god reminiscent of Father Christmas. He had a long, woolly white beard; a jolly pink face, and on his head a weird contraption studded with pearls. He wore a long red coat, also embroidered in pearls. On either side of the altar was a small shrine, where groups of men were playing at Mah-Jong!

The second temple was easy to find, as a white ribbon was looped along the streets which led to it. A huge crowd was seeking round this temple, and we had to fight our way through. The attraction turned out to be a sort of puppet show, with paper aeroplanes flying around and motors rushing over cardboard cliffs and falling down painted waterfalls. The crowd was very good-natured, and did its best not to squish us. At last, hot and breathless, we stepped over the threshold into what seemed at first to be a golden fairy-land. The whole place was hung with embroideries in heavy gold. Under the gilding electric lights were seeking round this temple, and we had to fight our way through. The attraction turned out to be a sort of puppet show, with paper aeroplanes flying around and motors rushing over cardboard cliffs and falling down painted waterfalls. The crowd was very good-natured, and did its best not to squish us. 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WAH YAN COLLEGE. ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Wah Yan Boys' College, Robinson Road, took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a very large gathering of pupils, parents and friends, the awards being presented to the boys by Mr. G. M. Orme (Director of Education).

The proceedings took place in the Catholic Union Club Hall, adjoining the College, the stage being most tastefully decorated with ferns and plants; while the coloured and shaded lights, shedding a subdued glow on the scene, created a very pleasing general effect.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

Prior to the presentation of prizes, an excellent entertainment was given by the pupils of the College and was much enjoyed, each contribution being very warmly applauded. The programme was as under:—

Overture, "Light Cavalry," (Fr. Suppe), conducted by Mr. F. D. Bernard.

Recitation, "The Ocean," Ng Tsan Fan.

Song, "The One Man Band," A. T. Cher.

Declamation, "The Bashful Man," Ng Tai Ping.

Recitation, "The Miser," Cheng Chiu Fan.

Selection, "Modest Suzanne," (Gilbert), conducted by Mr. F. D. Bernard.

Swedish Drill and Gymnastic Display, by the College pupils under the direction of Mr. A. J. Maudie.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster (Mr. P. Tsui) read his report during the course of which he said: During the year, 1924, the school had 372 meetings, the maximum number on roll was 449, and the average attendance was 392. The number of teachers on the staff was increased to twenty as against eleven in 1921 where there was about an equal number of boys in the school.

Studies.—In accordance with our usual custom, special attention was paid to the teaching of English, Chinese, Mandarin, and arithmetic in all the classes. The study of the Bible is encouraged throughout and some time is set aside each week for moral instruction.

Games.—Due to the lack of a playground and sports did not receive as much attention as they ought to have received; however, steps had been taken to remedy this seeming neglect. Towards the end of the year physical drill was made compulsory for boys of all classes.

Branch School.—With the object of feeding the upper classes with boys of our own training, a branch school was opened last December at Yau Ma Tei, under the charge of Mr. Lo Kai Chi in charge, assisted by three of our old boys who passed the matriculation.

Local Examinations.—In the Hongkong University Examinations we had a record number of passes for the school. Nine matriculation and six senior certificates were obtained. Last November in Class 1 seven candidates were presented and the passes were a hundred per cent.

MR. ORME'S OFFER.

Before distributing the prizes, Mr. Orme said he would like to say a few words. In the first place he wished to say how pleased he was to be present with Mr. Tsui and his able staff and the remainder of the company. He congratulated Mr. Tsui and them all upon the just success which was the reward of the courage and initiative which had enabled Mr. Tsui to organize and carry through such a success as was evidenced in that school. Everything tended towards the continued popularity of the establishment and the growing excellence of the work done by them all.

After speaking at some length on the subject of "Progress," Mr. Orme offered two prizes for Essays on the subject in English and Chinese.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Mr. G. M. Orme then distributed the prizes as under:—

Class 6.—Ho Ni Tong, Cheung Ying Sun, Leung Kam Chuen, So Man Shing, Woo Chack Yee.

Class 7.—Lo Hing Ying, Wong Yuk Kee, Chan Sau Yip, Cheng Wai Chung, Au Sik To.

Class 8a.—Leung Sik Yin, Leung, Hon Yung, Lai Po Ching, Cheng In Ming, Yeung Yu Lan.

Class 8b.—Sun Sung Kwok, Wong Yik Wan, Ho Ka Oi, Chan, Sui Lun, Tsai Sai Lam.

Class 9a.—Kwok Ju Shu, Lee Sum Ping, Pok Po Wan, Ho Kwok Kai, Chan Yee Chung.

Class 9b.—Ng Seng Kwan, Wong Yeung Wa, Wong Sau Hong, Chan Ip Shuen, Hui Lun Kwong.

Class 4a.—Chan Man Ping, Li Cho Pun, Li Cho Him, Mok Ping Nam, Ng Kwong Yuen.

Class 4b.—Ng Tsan Fan, Cheng Chiu Fan, Ng Wai Yau, Wong Chow Sin, Yuen Tai Koon.

Class 3a.—Hin Seung Yick, Pun Sai Ling, Wong Hung Wai, Chung Charb Ming, Boon Ten Fook.

Class 3b.—Miu Yee Kwan, Tai Sheung Hing, Choi On Man, Wong King Lan, Cheng To Sang.

Class 2.—Cheung Yam Hoi, Fung Hung Cho, Hau Man On, Ho Ping Ki, Ko Wing Hong, Mak Man Chung, Siew Siu Chun, Sung Pak Ping, Tam Mang Ying, Wai Cheuk, Wong Pik Chan.

Class 1.—Ng Tai Ping, Tong Koon Chu, Pan Yau Pang, Cheng Mo Seng, Fung Shiu Ki, Chan Wai Ming, Tsan Wei Keaw, Tsan Wei Chien, Joseph Tien, Tam Yick Fong, Lee Yan Thim, Pan Kwong Luk, Cheung Chee Yuk.

(Continued on next column).

LOCAL SPORT. FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

H.K.F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELDS.

Semifinals.—Senior.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. Kowloon, Hongkong Club ground. Referee: Mr. Smith. R.A. Linemen: Messrs. F. Smith and Austin.

Junior.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. South China "A," Hongkong Club ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

Club de Recreo "A" v. East Surrey Drums, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Andrews.

Sacred Heart v. South China "B," South China ground. Referee: Mr. Austin.

St. Joseph's "A" v. University, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. MacMillan.

St. Joseph's "B" v. Hongkong Club Reserves, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Smith. R.A. Linemen: Messrs. F. Smith and Austin.

Club de Recreo "B" v. East Surrey Reserves, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Perman.

The semi-finals of the Challenge Shields are being played this afternoon on the Hongkong F.C. ground and should attract a large crowd. Kowloon put the Hongkong Club out of the running last season after a keenly contested game. McKelvie will be out for the first time since the inter-port game in which he was injured. Kowloon will be at full strength and will make the Club go all the way. Bishop will be away this afternoon and most probably Howard will partner Gerrard at back. The game will be of ninety minutes duration and should the scores then be equal, a further twenty minutes will be played.

The junior game should also be worth watching. Kowloon were successful against South China in a league game on the Railway ground, but South China can always field a much stronger side when playing on the island. This game will also be of ninety minutes duration. The result should be in doubt until the final whistle sounds.

The best game in the junior league to-day will be that on the Kowloon F.C. ground where the Club de Recreo "A" are due to meet the East Surrey Drums. It is expected that the Club will be successful but they will find the Drums a hard side to beat. The previous game between these teams ended in a win for the Club de Recreo by four goals to one.

At Sookunpoo, the East Surrey Reserves will meet the Club de Recreo second team. In the junior shield these teams met on the H.K.F.C. ground, the Surrey winning easily. Sacred Heart will oppose South China on the latter's ground and a keenly contested game should be seen.

St. Joseph's "A" and the Hongkong Club Reserves should win against the University and St. Joseph's "B" respectively.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Further matches in the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Tournament took place on the Cricket Club ground, yesterday afternoon, the results being as follows:—

Handicap Singles "B."—L. P. Ralph (+2/6) beat P. E. Barker (+15), 8-10, 6-1, 7-5.

Handicap Doubles.—G. E. Sayer and A. D. Humphreys (+1/6) beat Lt. Cdr. C. Hake and Lt. Col. Fitzgerald (+3/0), 6-1, 6-2. A. S. Hest and G. B. Hoti (ser.) beat C. C. Wornall and L. M. S. Lloyd (+1/0), 6-4, 6-2.

Open Championship Singles.—F. A. Redmond beat C. Willson, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

J. Tukikawa beat I. M. Razack, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Club Championship.—A. H. Crook beat W. H. Bourne, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. Col. Russell Brown beat Dr. D. B. Gawler, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

CRICKET.

R.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club against the H.K.C.C. at Kowloon at 2 p.m. to-day:—H. Overy, J. C. Fletcher, J. C. Lyal, F. Goodwin, A. R. F. Raven, K. R. Macaskill, A. A. Dand, S. Jex, J. Fraser, R. C. Witcheil, and B. Fetheram.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

Local Examinations results were as under:—

Matriculation (June, 1924).—Tong Koon Chu, Tsan Wei Chien, Chan Wai Ming, Joseph Tien.

Senior (June, 1924).—Tsan Wei Keaw, Lee Yan Thim, Pan Kwong Luk, Cheung Chai Yik.

Matriculation (November, 1924).—Ng Tai Ping, Honours—(Distinction in Chinese), Government Scholarship, Fung Yau Pang, Chang Mo Seng, Fung Shiu Ki, Tsan Wei Keaw.

Senior (November, 1924).—Tam Yick Fong (dist. in Chinese), Chan Wai Ming, Fung (November, 1924).—Cheng Yam Hoi (dist. in arithmetic and mathematics), Fung Tung Cho, Hau Man On (dist. in arithmetic), Ho Ping Ki, Ko Wing Hong (dist. in arithmetic), Mak Man Chung, Siew Siu Chun, Sung Pak Ping, Tsai Mang Ying, Wai Cheuk, Wong Pik Chan.

HOCKEY NOTES. [BY "SHORT CORNER"]

A Hongkong Hockey Club side was entertained by the Shamene Hockey Club last Sunday.

The game ended in a victory for Hongkong by five goals to four, the score fully representing the run of the play. Up to the end the issue was completely in the balance and players and spectators alike were worked up to a high pitch of excitement.

During the first half of the game the points which most struck the observer were the apparent impossibility of penetrating the remarkably fine defence put up by Olive, the Shamene goalkeeper, and two brilliant run-away goals by Lawrence, the Shamene centre forward. Faers contributed the only goal scored by Hongkong in this half and the sides changed over with Shamene leading by a goal. Armstrong, the Hongkong centre forward, was unfortunate in being forced to retire injured just before half-time and it was agreed between the two Captains to replace him from the ranks of the Hongkong football players, who were spectators of the game.

Gerrard volunteered to assist and played a most useful game at right-wing in the second half. The second half found Hongkong settling down to work and it soon became clear that there was to be a hard struggle for supremacy. Ralph, for Hongkong, marked his Shamene opponent, Lay, with good effect and his play was perhaps the best individual effort of the match. Read, in goal for Hongkong, gave a pretty exhibition of staunch goal-keeping, the play giving him possible chances of saving and clearing in this half as it had not done earlier in the game. Wedlake and Mills provided a sound full back line, the latter's game, on the slow side in the beginning, improving noticeably as time went on. Lock and Stewart, wing halves, played consistently and intercepted the forwards fed by them. May and Gordon and Hall and King. All four were sound and energetic; and Gordon's goal in the second half was a clean hard shot which deserved to find the net.

It was disappointing to find Cadman blowing a whistle only, but he carried out his duties in the most satisfactory manner possible, and his genial presidency at the time given to the visitors after the game went a long way towards making that event the success it undoubtedly was. Hospitality has no empty meaning in an outport; it warms the cockles of the heart and keeps chills far away.

I expect that the Shamene side will be seen in Hongkong again before long—in fact I believe that negotiations in this direction are on foot as I write.

LOCAL GAMES.

On Wednesday evening the Club played their first game with the Punjabis. The latter are as keen upon hockey as were the Grenadiers, and the game indicated that they will keep up the tradition of fast play which attaches to the Punjabis. The final score was in their favour, a third goal by their inside left placing them ahead of the Club, Evans and Vallack scoring the latter's two goals.

In one sense the regimental side were lucky to win, but the Club had no excuse for the unsteadiness in intercepting and clearing which just enabled the Punjabis to get ahead. The run of attack and defence was evenly distributed throughout the whole game but the Club was again playing an experimental defence and the experiment cannot be regarded as an unqualified success.

It is too early as yet to judge the newcomers fairly, but as the season draws to a close it is possible to look back over the Club's matches and note the features which have marked a season in which it has, for the first time, been possible to play three teams on one day and hockey in the Colony generally has made great strides. Owing probably to an increased membership, an unusual number of experiments have been made, some of which have proved successful and some of which have displayed over-optimism among those responsible for selection.

There are a few players, however, who have so far survived the test of more or less consistent performance and they have formed a nucleus round which the teams representing the Club week by week have been built. They have at times received unexpected assistance from new players, or players promoted from other teams and as many times they have been handicapped by new comers who have not altogether played up to expectations. In short, the season has been one where the Club has been finding out to its advantage, or its cost, the possibilities of a large membership and upon the whole the season may be called a most successful one for the Club.

As the Colony is constituted the Services must be relied upon to furnish the bulk of the opposition and the advent of such keen hockey players as the Punjabis is a compensation for the loss of the Club's veteran opponents, the Bombay Grenadiers.

WARFARE IN KWANGTUNG. REPORTED FALL OF SWATOW.

Reports reached the Colony yesterday to the effect that Swatow had been taken by the forces of Sun Yat Sen, but these reports are so far, unconfirmed.

The Canton Gazette of the 5th inst. says:—

A short telegram, received yesterday from the front, by Military Headquarters here, announces that Lukfung city has been captured by Government forces.

The capture of Lukfung practically eliminates all rebel resistance in the home base of Chen Chiung Ming, the rebel leader.

The siege of Waichow city completely isolated the rebel troops within, and the victorious military operations which have been conducted during the past fortnight precludes the faintest hope of the besieged rebels receiving external succour.

The Government demand the unconditional capitulation of Waichow, and are delaying military operations in order to avoid needless bloodshed and suffering for the inhabitants, since there is no pressing military necessity for its capture.

Military Headquarters confidently assert, that with the arrangements which have been made for a massed attack on Waichow by our troops, with the co-operation of our Air and Naval forces, the capture of Waichow is only a matter of a few hours.

LUK FUNG CAPTURED.

Following the capture of Hoifung city, a section of our forces were despatched to meet the rebels at Lukfung.

Our troops attacked the rebels there and promptly routed them, compelling their leader, General Hung Chao Lin, to seek safety in flight.

More than 800 rifles, 30 machine-guns and large quantities of military supplies were captured.

ON TO SWATOW.

General Hsu Chung Chi, Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Armies, has ordered his main army to advance from Hoifung for the attack on Swatow.

A telegram received from Swatow yesterday states that the merchants in Swatow have started a general strike. The rebel troops have evacuated Swatow and are proceeding to Hingling via Chiuon.

Traffic between Swatow, Chaoyang and Kityang has been completely interrupted.

FAN SHEK SANG'S TROOPS.

A number of launches and tugs have been taken over by General Fan Shek Sang, the Yunnanese leader, for the purpose of moving his troops to the West River.

In order to re-assure the various launch-owners, he has deposited a sum of fifty thousand dollars in a bank as security for due payment of the launches taken over for military purposes.

The cost for the hire of the vessels will be paid out monthly in Canton.

CONSTABLE IN TROUBLE.

COURT TALE OF MARKED MONEY.

A Wei-bai-wei constable, attached to the Kowloon Waterworks sub-station, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to answer three charges brought against him.

He was first charged with assaulting an old lady, whom he had apparently attempted to take into custody. The second charge was that of attempting to obtain "squeeze," and the third count was for being guilty of misconduct as a police officer.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, who prosecuted, stated that on the 4th inst. defendant went out on duty about 8 a.m. He came upon the complainant, an old woman, who was cutting grass. After some talk with her, he hit her with a stick. Villagers interfered and he told them that the woman had been cutting grass and he wanted \$3 to let her go. These people went to a mutual friend, who later went to the Sham Shui Po Police Station, reported the matter and was given, \$3 in marked money. This man, who was the complainant's son, took the money back to the Tai Po Road, where he found the constable still with the woman. A detective who followed the son, arrested defendant later, and the \$3 were found in his cap.

The old woman, and several other witnesses gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse informed His Worship that up to this time defendant had borne a good character and there was nothing against him.

Mr. Hamilton said he was sorry that he had to convict in view of the man's previous good character; but he could do nothing else but find him guilty. On the first charge he fined defendant \$10, and ordered him to pay \$10 compensation, or in default to go to prison for fourteen days with hard labour. On the second charge he sentenced him to one month's hard labour, and imposed a similar sentence in connection with the third charge, these two sentences to run concurrently.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1925]

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

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Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
T. A. CLARK,
Secretary and Manager.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "MANTUA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 6th MARCH, 1925.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, PORTSAID, ALEX., COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf, and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such Consignments will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before Arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the free storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1925. [1925]

NOTICE.

KOWLOON GOLF COURSE.

The Course will Not be available for Play on SUNDAY, MARCH 8th INSTANT, until After 1 P.M. [1925]

HAIHO CONSERVANCY COMMISSION.

TENDER FOR A TOW-BOAT.

TENDERS are hereby invited by the HAI HO CONSERVANCY BOARD for Delivery at Tientsin in Seven Months from Date of Order of a TOW-BOAT under Specifications which will be supplied on Application to THE COMMISSIONER OF CHINESE CUSTOMS for KOWLOON AND DISTRICT, York Buildings, Hongkong.

Tenders to be in the Board's hands on or before Noon of 1st MAY, 1925.

By Order of the
HAI HO CONSERVANCY COMMISSION,
R. S. CAMPBELL,
Acting Secretary.
Tientsin, 25th February, 1925. [1925]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CORAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 4th March.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th March, will be subject to Rent.

If Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 24th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1925. [1925]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

THE S.S. "TRIE" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and FORT, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. ANDERSON & ASH, at 10 a.m. on the 7th March, 1925.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within two weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersecretary for countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "WEAY CASTLE".

FROM NEW YORK & NEWPORT NEWS.

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All damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 9th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSCH,
Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1925. [1925]

INTIMATIONS

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RENTS ORDINANCE.

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ANY Member of the Community who wishes to give evidence before the Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to consider the Question of the Rents Ordinance is requested to communicate with the CLERK, Attorney General, Courts of Justice, if possible on or before MONDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1925.

J. H. KEMP,
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1925]

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BIRTHS.

CAMERON.—At Shanghai, on March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. CAMERON, a son, ROBERT, on February 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. ROBERTS, a daughter, Olivia Marion.

DEATHS.

COX.—At Newchwang, on February 27th, of pneumonia, JOHN COX (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), aged 44 years.

DA CRUZ.—At Shanghai, on February 28th, GRAY GRAYNIGGE, the dearly beloved husband of Lillian Graynigge, aged 50.

HELLMAN.—At Shanghai, on March 1st, ERNST EDUARD HELLMAN, aged 32 years.

MATHEWS.—At Shanghai, on March 1st, ALBERT JAMES MATHEWS.

ROSS.—At Shanghai, on March 1st, PAMELA, beloved younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. ROSS, aged two years.

SOUZA.—At Shanghai, on February 27th, SALVADOR (SALVITO), JOSE DE SOUZA, aged 34 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 7th, 1925.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

It does not seem from the results to hand at the time of writing that what may be termed the political complexion of the London County Council will be substantially changed by the triennial election that has just taken place. The choice in the election was between candidates of the Municipal Reformers and a combination representing the Labour Party and the Progressives. The Municipal Reformers may be likened to the Conservatives in the House of Commons and the Progressives to the Liberals.

In the County Council election, as in the Parliamentary elections, the Progressives have been "snowed under" in the ballot box, and Labourites have gained many seats at the expense of the party with which they have been in closest affiliation. We find in the latest papers to hand that the issue in the elections was regarded as perfectly clear. The various sections of the Socialist Party, it was

said, made no secret of their ambition to put schemes into operation that would send the rates soaring upwards, while the Municipal Reformers were pledged to the utmost economy compatible with efficient administration. It is quite true to say of the London County Council, that even under the most careful management, it spends more money every year than a good many Parliaments. Its last budget was £20,744,519. "We hesitate to prophesy," says a London paper, "what the preposterous amount would be in a few years if once the Socialists obtained a majority, for not only have they no thought of economy in administration, but they are seeking to speed money on a variety of crazy schemes of municipal trading." The burden of taxation in England, as a result of the war, is, as everybody knows, extremely onerous already, and it can occasion no surprise that the Municipal Reformers are once again the favoured party in the elections. Three years ago they declared that their great aim was "to lighten the burden of local taxation, and thus help to restore life to trade and industry, and to revive employment for London's workless men and women." During their term of office the County rate has been reduced from 5s. 5d. in the pound to 4s. 11d., and it is claimed by the Moderate Reformers that this has been accomplished without any impairment of efficiency in their service to the community in the matter of sanitation, education, housing, and other departments of the administration. It is declared, for instance, that since the Municipal Reformers obtained a majority on the Council in 1906-7 the general death-rate has, with the co-operation of the municipalities, been reduced by one-quarter, and that from consumption—the white scourge—by one-third; while infant mortality has been halved. No doubt the strong feature in the opposition campaign has been the Housing problem, which is still very acute in London. On this the Municipal Reformers claim that in the past four years the Council has provided accommodation for about 72,000 persons; a further instalment of 20,000 houses has been approved; provision has actually been made, and expenditure sanctioned, for 12,000 houses; slum clearance schemes, covering seventy acres and involving the re-housing of 20,000 persons, are being carried out; and a matter of half a million sterling has been advanced to assist occupying owners in building houses. That still more has not been done in this direction they ascribe to the Socialists themselves.

"The deeds and words of Socialists combined with costs of house, production, due to labour charges," says the Municipal Reform Society's manifesto, "destroyed the confidence of investors in the building of houses for letting." This brief glance at the issues in the contest will suffice to indicate that it must have been a very interesting election campaign, and the return of a Municipal Reform majority must have been regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Reverend Officer Ward goes home on leave to-day for the first time after fifteen years' service in the Colony. He sails by the s.s. *Malwa*.

Mr. J. W. R. McPhail, from the London office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, is now attached to the Colombo branch.

Professor E. Danneberg announces that the eleventh annual pianoforte recital by his pupils will be given in the City Hall on Tuesday, March 24th.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Missions to Seamen's chaplain, has returned to the Colony. The Rev. H. du T. Pyer goes home on leave this month.

At the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon, about 30 children attended the usual fortnightly entertainment, when topical, comical and educational films were shown.

The Washington birthday ball at Tientsin was attended by over 400 guests. The principal feature of the decorations was a cherry tree with an axe stuck into its lower part.

The Peking Ministry of Justice is reported to have issued a set of regulations dealing with Communists. According to the regulations those propagating Communism or Bolshevism will have penal servitude of the first or second degree inflicted upon them.

From the returns of signalling between H.M. Ships and merchant vessels for the quarter ending September 30th, it appears that H.M.S. *Hawkins* headed the list, with 261 successful exercises, the next in order of merit being H.M.S. *Weymouth* with 75.

Departures by the s.s. *Empress of Asia* for Shanghai, yesterday, included Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley. The latter acted as time-keeper during the annual race-meeting here and is part-owner with Mr. Tong of Victoria, Kamohima and McKensie, all of which won races last month.

The following have been co-opted on to the St. John's Cathedral Church committee: Mrs. Oresky, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Owen Hughes, the Rev. E. J. Northcott, Mr. T. W. Alsworth has kindly consented to act as secretary. The name of Mr. E. G. Stewart was omitted from the last published list.

An obituary notice appears in another column of Mr. Gray Graynigge, a director of Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., Shanghai, and Master of the Shanghai Paper House Club. Mr. Graynigge, who was 50 years old, died on February 28th from complications following upon a chill contracted about a fortnight previously.

A paragraph in the current issue of *St. John's Cathedral Notes* states that "there is not enough brotherliness in the Cathedral, and it is up to the sidesmen to remedy this by welcoming strangers, and speaking to them after the service is over. Strangers should be given a copy of *Cathedral Notes* and asked to write their names in the visitors' book."

Mr. Sun Pan Chi, the New Tapan of the Shanghai Special Municipality, is reported to have sent a memorial to the Government urging the establishment of an Appeal Court in Shanghai, in which appeals may lie from the Mixed Court. The memorial also asks the Waichiao to confer with the French Minister regarding the restoration of the Yangtze River Regulation. A third request of Mr. Sun's is that the Shanghai and Wootung Police be placed under his jurisdiction. The memorial has been referred to the Ministry of Justice for consideration.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR ENTERTAINS SIR RONALD AND LADY MACLEAY.

Sir Ronald Macleay, British Minister at Peking, and Lady Macleay, who are on their way to England on leave, arrived in Hongkong on the s.s. *Malwa*. They were entertained at Government House last night, when a dinner was given in their honour by H.E. The Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES.

MRS. MCPHERSON'S FINE WORK.

An exhibition of pictures was given by Mrs. G. McPherson, at the Hongkong Hotel, yesterday, the pictures consisting of oil paintings, water-colours, and pen and ink sketches. The pictures can be classified into four distinct classes, the "mystical," "natural scenery," drawings of places in the vicinity of Hongkong, and pictures of junks.

The mysterious are by far the most impressive, because they are creative, a part of the artist's being, poems which need thought, poems often baffling whose every rhyme is traced by the brush and pen, whose very rhythm is woven into the contours of the picture.

Mrs. McPherson has appreciably succeeded in the creative art. In this class there are three pleasing pictures—*Sea Nymph*, *Mysterious Night* and the *Bowl of Life*. *Sea Nymph* is the love story of the mortal and immortal. It brings to one's mind Matthew Arnold's sad poem "The Merman." The mysticism in the eyes of the sea-maiden, the sadness in her face, the utter despair of the mortal who seeks her love, are well portrayed. "Mysterious Night" is shown as a woman, and wrapped in a dark cape with eyes and face pensive and baffling. The *Bowl of Life* (a phantasm) is a picture of an Eastern woman holding a bowl in her hands, ready to drink. In the background the asseptic face of a spectre. It is a picture of inevitable fate.

The pictures of natural scenery are well done, particularly "Keat," "English Grey and Gold," and "Dusk in an English Park." "The Creek at Night" conveys to one the languor and the lazy abandon of an Eastern night. There are seven pictures of Hongkong, the best being that of the city from May Road. The exhibition is to be continued to-day.

ST. PAUL'S RESTORATION FUND.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

PRESS COMMENT DIRECTED AT CAUTIOUS UTTERANCE.

London, March 6th.
Comment on the speech of Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Secretary for Foreign Affairs) is directed at the cautiousness of his utterance.
The Times appreciates the Dominions' distaste for the protocol, shared here, which is simply a new and more plausible version of a feeble compromise of the Peace Treaty over the unrealized Rhine frontier.

As against this, it declares that the suggestion of a wider pact, as indicated by the German proposals to the Allies must be given most serious consideration.

FRENCH PRESS OPINION.

Paris, March 6th.
The newspapers express the opinion that Mr. Austen Chamberlain's speech clearly shows that Britain favours a British, French and Belgian guarantee pact, in which Germany might be associated. They declare such a pact would be ineffective unless completed by military arrangements on all frontiers of Germany, whose association in the pact would only be useful if she joined the League of Nations without any reservations.

BOUND FOR GENEVA.

London, March 6th.
Mr. Austen Chamberlain, en route to Geneva, has departed for Paris, where he will meet M. Herriot.

FRANCE AND TURKEY.

M. SARRAUT HOPES TO SETTLE ALL DIFFERENCES.

Paris, March 6th.
The papers have interviewed M. Albert Sarraut, new French Ambassador to Constantinople, who stated he sympathized deeply with the Turkish nation in their genuine endeavours for moral and political reconstruction.
He added that he would safeguard France's traditional influence in the East and her economical interests and try to draw both countries nearer by the settlement of outstanding questions.

PARIS TO NEW YORK.

THE FRENCH TO ATTEMPT NON-STOP FLIGHT.

Paris, March 6th.
L'Auto announces that the French Ministry of the Navy have ordered an aeroplane of 450 horse-power. It is being purchased with a view to attempting a non-stop flight from Paris to New York.

CRICKET.

M.C.C. VERSUS FIFTEEN OF NORTHERN DISTRICT.

West Maitlands, March 6th.
In the match between the M.C.C. and the Northern Districts, the home team, who batted first, scored 137.
Heard took 5 wickets for 18, Freeman 2 for 43 and Klinger 1 for 31.
The M.C.C. had scored 50 runs for the loss of 5 wickets when play ceased for the day.

EARLIER CABLES.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL. NUMEROUS GAINS BY LABOUR AT ELECTIONS.

London, March 6th.
The triennial elections for the London County Council were held yesterday. The results so far declared show numerous Labour gains and corresponding losses by the Progressives, who are politically synonymous with the Liberals.
The present figures are 60 Municipal Reformers (otherwise Conservatives), 27 Labourites and 5 Progressives. There are still 32 results outstanding. The last Council consisted of 62 Reformers, 17 Labourites and 25 Progressives.

IMPERIAL ECONOMICS.

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH MARKETING PRODUCTS.

London, March 6th.
The Colonial Office, notified the formation of the ad hoc Imperial Economic Committee, which was fore-shadowed by Mr. Baldwin last December, presided over by Sir Halford Mackinder.
The Committee will deal with the marketing of Empire products in Great Britain, and make recommendations regarding the disbursement of the British Government's grant of £1,000,000 to foster Imperial trade.
The Committee at first will concentrate its attention on meat and fruit.
The Dominions and Indian representatives will be chosen from the respective representatives in London, and Sir Gilbert Girdle, together with another not yet elected, will represent the Colonies.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

LIVELY SCENES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MR. KIRKWOOD SUSPENDED.

London, March 6th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (L. English Universities) opened the debate on foreign affairs. He said he hoped that Mr. Chamberlain would lift the veil from his foreign policy. He pointed out that the postponement of the evacuation of Cologne was a very grave step, and he pressed for the publication of the case against the German Government. On the subject of disarmament, the Liberals were most anxious over the language used by Premier Herriot and the French Press suggesting that the evacuation of Cologne was not bound up in French minds with the general question of security. He asked—Would evacuation of Cologne be carried out independently of French concurrence, or must the Allies be agreed that the treaty is being observed? The Liberals were unalterably opposed to the proposal of an Anglo-Franco-Belgian tripartite. A far more promising suggestion was contained in the reports that Germany had submitted a proposal for a pact guaranteeing the French frontiers.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the Opposition were well aware of the caution, even reticence, with which he must speak. He hoped that the House would not blame him if he reserved his opinion on many subjects which were not ripe for decision. Mr. Chamberlain said that as regards Cologne we had not even now got a considered appreciation of the points upon which Germany had defaulted, but we knew some time ago that Germany was in default and was not justified in claiming the evacuation of Cologne on January 10th. His Majesty's Government was directed in securing compliance with substantial and necessary measures for disarmament, upon which the Allies must insist before they could modify the 15-year period of occupation.

MR. KIRKWOOD SUSPENDED.

Mr. Chamberlain was constantly interrupted by whispered remarks from Mr. Kirkwood (Lab., Dumbarton), who at length shouted, "What about the Red letter?" when Mr. Chamberlain, referred to a secret document he had received from Germany. Others greeted a warning from the Chairman of Committees that he would suspend Mr. Kirkwood if he did not refrain from interrupting.
Mr. Kirkwood, who refused, was named and the Speaker summoned, and Mr. Chamberlain moved the suspension of Mr. Kirkwood, which was carried out after Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had unsuccessfully interceded, contending that Mr. Kirkwood had not been given his proper rights.
The Speaker asked Mr. Kirkwood to leave, upon which the Labourites rose in a body and marched out of the House, amid Ministerial laughter and cheers.
Mr. Chamberlain resumed his speech. He emphasised that he did not desire to conceal anything in the Commission's Report provided that publication would lead to a solution, but the question of publication depended upon the Allies' concurrence. While he was not sure that publication of a mass of large and small defaults without discrimination was likely to conduce to the object in view, he pointed out that the occupation of Cologne cannot be continued except in pursuance of the clear purposes and provisions of the treaty. (Cheers.)

QUESTION OF SECURITY.

Adverting to the question of security, which he described as being of immense and overwhelming importance, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the dominant element in Europe to-day was an all pervading sense of insecurity. No real progress could be made until we are relieved of the oppressive fears haunting the waking and sleeping thoughts of statesmen in many countries.
Even at the first moment Mr. Chamberlain said he welcomed the move by the German Government, and now they had substantially repeated their proposals to the other Allies. He attached great importance to this. It was obviously not desirable at this stage to enter into public details. He added that the exchange of views between the Allies had so far been very slight, and a fuller exchange of views and a closer examination of the purport and possibilities of the proposal, were necessary before anything could safely be added on the subject.

Mr. Fisher queried whether the newspaper reports roughly represented the proposal.
Mr. Chamberlain preferred not to give any appreciation of such important proposals, which might possibly be the starting-point in the real recovery of the European situation. "If our help is required to effect such a consummation, the help and also the goodwill of this country will not be lacking."
Mr. Chamberlain said he had not yet formed any idea of the form our cooperation would take. He referred to past efforts to withdraw from Continental entanglements, but living within the peace and security of the Continent, we cannot remain indifferent to the world, nor remain callous and deaf to any appeal for help. "It is not in any selfish or short-sighted spirit of isolation that we shall exercise our mission to influence the world, now that we speak in consultation with the free and self-governing Dominions."

Sir Edward Grigg (L. Oldham) recalled that the original pact with France, although ratified by Austria and New Zealand, was not ratified by Canada and South Africa. He declared that to be a serious consideration, but the new form of guarantee would probably commend itself more to the Dominions, while as regards South Africa, it must be remembered that Holland was at present as much interested in a guarantee for these frontiers as any other Power.
Sir John Simon objected to security being linked up with occupation. Unless Germany had seriously violated the treaty we are in Cologne without authority.

ACTION OF LABOURITES.

The Labourites did not return to the House of Commons during the debate on foreign affairs but met and resolved that while deprecating persistent obstruction of business, there was no justification for the "peremptory action" of Mr. Hope, Chairman of Committees, in naming Mr. Kirkwood for his slight interruptions, which in no way were provocative or disorderly.
The executive of the Labour party subsequently decided to lodge a motion to the effect that Mr. Hope acted with undue haste and impatience, and therefore his naming Mr. Kirkwood was unwarranted.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, to-morrow, will ask the Government for an opportunity to discuss the motion, which will doubtless be granted immediately.

CAREFUL STUDY URGED.

The Conservative, Major Sir Clive Morrison Bell, urged the Government to study jealously any agreement that put the British naval or other forces in peril.
Mr. Walter Munciman (Liberal) pressed Mr. Chamberlain to state his views on the protocol. He regretted that Britain had tied her hands by undertaking to support the re-appointment of the present French chairman of the Saar Commission.
Mr. Chamberlain, winding up the debate, denied that the Saar could be described as a danger spot in Europe, although he was not prepared to defend all that went on in the Saar administration.
As regards the Protocol, Mr. Chamberlain said that three months' deliberation had only just reached the stage where a statement could possibly be made. He was still uncertain in what form the Government decision would best be conveyed, but he expected to be called on to make an announcement at the next League meeting.

WORLD PEACE.

Mr. Chamberlain was averse from encouraging the signature of international documents of fundamental importance with a string of separate discordant reservations by many signatory Powers.
It might sometimes be necessary to sign with reservations, but it was dangerous to lose a charter of world peace on documents with reservations.
All the indications he was able to obtain about the state of opinion in other countries which had signed or contemplated signing the Protocol, led him to the conclusion that if Britain signed to-morrow without amendment we should not have settled the question of security. Nevertheless he emphasised the British desire for arbitration and disarmament.
Apropos of the occupation, Mr. Chamberlain denied that we were surrendering our rights of private judgment by conferring with our Allies where it was better and more loyal to confer.
Suppose we walk out of Cologne in order that somebody else, not the German, might walk in. Would that advance agreement with Germany and the better atmosphere which the Liberals desired? Here was a case necessitating agreement, but in default of agreement Britain reserved the right to take any action she thought fit or expedient, according to circumstances.
Mr. Chamberlain was unable to state whether the Allies would agree to a meeting with Germany, but speaking for himself he wanted any course giving the best hope of prolonging the contest, but of getting satisfaction and bringing the occupation to an end.

HIGHER BANK RATE.

London, March 6th.
The raising of the Bank rate was generally expected after the decrease in the New York rate last week, which caused considerable disorganisation in the money markets.
The Bank's increase is intended to check the withdrawal of American money from London. Money, though plentiful, now commands higher rates, but it is generally understood that London and New York are closely co-operating, and fears of unduly high rates in the immediate future are groundless.

LATE PRESIDENT EBERT.

INTERMENT TAKES PLACE AT HEIDELBERG.
Berlin, March 6th.
With a police band playing "Deutschland über alles," the remains of President Ebert were buried at Heidelberg in the presence of huge crowds.
In Berlin the traffic was stopped for five minutes as a mark of reverence.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

TROUBLE ON WATER-FRONT APPARENTLY ENDED.
Wellington, March 6th.
The water-front trouble apparently is ended, the Union stating that the men are prepared to accept engagement under the terms of the Arbitration Courts' awards.
The employers called for labour to-day, not insisting on any guarantee with regard to the continuance of work, and the workers freely responded, and operations are proceeding smoothly at all ports.

NEW WORLD FACTORS.

M. CHICHEBIN IN REVIEWS OF POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

Tientsin, March 6th.
M. Chicherin, Soviet Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, summing up the world situation, said Britain remained the most influential world Power militarily and financially, but a new factor was arising from the growing self-determination and aspirations of the Dominions which did not want to be drawn into any question not concerning them.

The action of the Conservative Government towards the Soviet had not occurred without pressure from the Dominions which regarded very hostilely the Soviet policy of equality to all nationalities and races.
There was certain to be a breach in Anglo-American relations, notably due to the new direction of American policy in China, which was now aiming at acquiring the sympathies of the Chinese people, and so departed from the policy of the other Powers.
Japan's vacillating policy was due to her dualistic position as an imperialistic power on the one hand and as the representative of the coloured races on the other.
The Russo-Japanese treaty showed Japan's eagerness to cover her rear and was an appreciable departure from the predominance of a single entente.
The Orient, especially China, presented a picture of extraordinarily rapid development and movement for national liberation.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

M. Chicherin, dealing exhaustively with foreign affairs, dwelt on the retirement of Mr. Charles Evan Hughes as America's Secretary of State, the turn of America's Chinese policy, and the necessity of America's more actively participating in international affairs.
He declared that the Soviet was striving for agreement on the debts question, but so that "the industrious people of the Union of Soviets should not pay in kopecks."
He asserted that restitution of the Wrangel fleet was an essential condition of any agreement with France.
M. Chicherin alluded to the unaltered friendship existing with Germany. He said that the Soviet was requesting exemption from the most favoured nation clause for Germany respecting Eastern trade.

FRIENDS IN THE EAST.

The Soviet was strengthening its friendship with Eastern States, especially Turkey and Afghanistan. The Soviet representative at Hedjaz was carrying out his duties as an observer following the course of momentous events in Arabia.
The Soviet recognised Mongolia as a part of the whole Chinese Republic enjoying complete internal and external economic independence.
M. Chicherin declared that China regarded the Union of Soviets as increasingly her one and only sincere friend.
The Chinese and Russian staffs were co-operating satisfactorily on the Eastern Chinese Railway.
Regarding the Japano-Soviet treaty, he said Japan wanted a friendly hinterland and a strengthening of her international and Asiatic Relations. The treaty was a prelude to further rapprochement.

EARLIER CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

POLITICS IN U.S.A. THE "INSURGENTS" NOW BEING FROZEN OUT.

Washington, March 6th.
The Republicans, having clear working majorities assured in both Houses of Congress, have expelled the La Follette insurgents from their council, depriving them of committee chairmanships in the Senate and committee chairmanships in the House. Thus the insurgents have lost the power to mould legislation which they possessed to so large an extent in the last Congress.
The House is composed of 223 regular and 12 insurgent Republicans, 181 Democrats and five others of various parties. There are two vacancies, presumably Republicans.
The Senate comprises 51 regular and four insurgent Republicans, 40 Democrats and one Farmer Labour.
The only woman member of the old House (Mrs. Nolan, of California) has retired voluntarily, but there is still a woman member of the new House—Mrs. Mary Norton (Democrat) who was elected in November, representing the Twelfth New Jersey District. She is the first woman Democrat member.

RUM RUNNING.

U.S. FEDERAL COURT MAKES WIDE RULING.

New York, March 6th.
The Federal Court has upheld the United States' right to seize vessels planning to land liquor on American shores from any place on the high seas.
The ruling is based on the case of the Dutch schooner Zeeland, captured in December 1924, which the Court ordered to be forfeited.
The Government attorney said that the decision for the first time established the Government's rights to capture an alien ship outside the twelve mile limit.

HELP FROM HOLLAND.

The Hague, March 6th.
The Second Chamber has approved the Washington Treaty, Bill, approving of the treaty concluded on August 21st at Washington regarding the transport of alcoholic liquors. It is identical with the Anglo-American liquor treaty.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INDIAN COTTON TRADE. COMPLAINT OF COMPETITION FROM JAPAN.

Delhi, March 6th.
In the course of a debate on the Indian Budget in the Council of State, Sir Dinshaw Wacha asserted that Government had not put an export duty on Indian cotton, because of a secret Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty, though Japan's competition in India was proving detrimental to the Indian cotton trade.
Sir Basil Blackett assured the Council that no secret treaty prevented the Government imposing an export duty on cotton. They had not imposed this in the interests of the cultivator. Government could not abolish the cotton export duty until the provincial contributions were wiped off.

SINGAPORE CONFERENCE. VICE-ADMIRAL EVERETT TALKS TO REUTER'S AGENT.

Singapore, March 6th.
The amount of "bosh" that is being talked about the Naval Conference here is depreciated by Vice-Admiral Everett, Commander of the China Station, who, in the course of an interview with Reuter's correspondent, said that the meeting was in accordance with the Admiralty idea that every two years the Commanders of adjacent stations should meet and discuss questions affecting them all. They did not meet to discuss the naval base any more than the price of bananas. The only thing was that supposing the three stations in the Pacific had to act together in a crisis (and he personally did not see one), they had got to arrange for co-operation. The fact that there were so many ships and the accidental presence of the Adelaide, due to her returning from a cruise with the Special Service Squadron was an expression of interchangeability, the idea being to give her an opportunity of practising in co-ordinate exercise in gunnery, torpedo, etc. The ships collected here because it was the most convenient place for the three squadrons.

It is understood that at the conclusion of the Conference, Admiral Richmond, Commander on the East Indies station, will proceed to Ceylon, and thence cruise in East African waters, in which the cruisers Colombo and Cairo will participate.
[FROM "THE DAILY BULLETIN."] FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD. GAMES TO BE HELD AT WALLACE FIELD. Manila, March 6th.
It is officially announced that the new Rizal Stadium for the Far Eastern Games will not be ready, and that the games will be held in the Wallace Field.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese, who was arrested in Hollywood Road on February 23rd for being in possession of a revolver and three rounds of ammunition, was committed to the March Criminal Sessions.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, John Tang Lloyd, a Chinese, managing director of the firm of J. T. Lloyd & Co., of No. 23, Wyndham Street, who was charged with having embezzled sums of money totalling \$22,000 belonging to the company, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the proprietor of a chicken stall at the Yau-mai Market was charged with having in his possession a pair of false scales, which were 6 per cent against the purchaser. He was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour in default. It was stated that he had been previously convicted on a similar charge and fined \$25 for the similar offence, this being his first conviction.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., a junk mistress and a junk master were each fined \$5 for failing their boats within 100 yards of low water mark during prohibited hours.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM "THE DAILY BULLETIN."] SINO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE.

MUKDEN DESIRES TRANSFER OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Peking, March 6th.
Information received in Peking from Mukden indicates that the Fengtian authorities are agitating for the transfer to Mukden of the negotiations in connection with two of the most important questions which will arise in the Sino-Russian Conference, namely, navigation on the Sungari River and the Chinese Eastern Railway.

MINISTER OF WAR. RESIGNATION IS CONFIRMED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

Peking, March 6th.
Official circles confirm the report that Wu Kuang Hsin, Minister of War, has resigned.
It is generally believed, however, that Tuan Chi Jui will order him to retain his post.

ALLEGED DEAL IN ARMS. THE JAPANESE LEGATION ISSUES CATEGORICAL DENIAL.

Peking, March 6th.
Yung Hsi Ming, Commander-in-Chief of the Yunnan forces in Kwangtung, and two other Generals recently telegraphed to the senior Minister at Peking stating that they had discovered that Tang Chi Yao was purchasing munitions of war in Japan, which he intended to smuggle into Kwangsi. They alleged that Tang Chi Yao had sent officials to explain to the authorities at Kweichow that he was sending troops into the province in order to protect these munitions. They requested the senior Minister to make an investigation into the matter and prevent a violation of the Arms Embargo Agreement, which would lead to further strife.

This telegram was brought to the notice of the Japanese Legation, which, after communication with the Japanese Government and the local Consuls concerned, informed the senior Minister that the information contained in the above telegram was entirely without foundation, and requested him to communicate to the signatories a categorical denial of the report.

GERMAN COMMUNISTS. "ARMY" IN BAVARIA.

A secret Communist organisation which, it is stated, aimed at the formation of cadres for a revolutionary army has been discovered in Bavaria, and thirty-three persons connected with it have been arrested. The organisation, which bore the harmless title, "Order Service," was built up on what is known as the "five system," that is to say, the members were organised in groups containing five men, and these joined into larger units on the same numerical basis. The organisation was divided into various technical categories. Thus, there was an intelligence department, a medical service, and a "disintegration" section. The special purpose of the last-named was to get a footing among the troops and police, and to undermine their loyalty and discipline. It is reported that the strength of the organisation in South Bavaria already amounted to between six and seven hundred men. It should be remembered, however, that the Bavarians, having tasted the realities of Bolshevik rule, are apt to lose their heads when they hear the word Communism, and to take exaggerated views of the dangers of this political malady.

ARMY POSTERS BANNED. EDMONTON SOCIALISTS' ACTION.

Edmonton Council have resolved to forbid Army recruiting posters being displayed in or about public buildings. Labour Socialists members, who are in the majority, argued at a recent meeting that the posters would tend to create a brotherly feeling and a world-wide peace, and the spots available could be better used to advertise the maternity centre and the secondary schools.
In the course of a lively discussion Mr. A. Delek, an ex-soldier, protested against the Socialists' action, and twitted the Labour Socialists with "going absolutely cold" when the word Army was mentioned.
All the twenty Socialist members voted for a committee recommendation to forbid the recruiting posters, and the members voting against it were Mr. Delek and the Ratepayers' representatives.

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BUSY, GROWTHS TO SUBJUGATE WOMEN.

With regard to a rather alarming suggestion recently made by Mr. Arthur Ponsonby to the effect that men should cultivate a copious growth of hair on the face in order to retain their ascendancy over the fair sex, a writer in the London *Daily Telegraph* advances the following whimsical objections:—

It is the experience of one of the leaders of the Labour party, we read with sympathetic anxiety, that something is lacking to modern man, and that the modern young woman has "unmanageable characteristics." Like Hamlet, he finds that man delights him not, no, nor woman neither, a state of mind common among gentlemen of his colour since the last election. The times may be out of joint, but Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, as becomes a politician, has a plan to set them right. Let men grow "bushy whiskers," which, in his philosophy, are a sign of virility, and when they are thus equipped "less will be heard" of the recalcitrance, the impracticability, of the damsels of the period. But the value of the prescription is not proved. *Non omnia possumus omnes.* We cannot all have whiskers to our desire. It is open to doubt whether the susceptibility to whiskers which Mr. Ponsonby has discovered is universal among women. The weight of evidence seems to be against him. The whisker seen against the background of human history is but an insignificant phenomenon. It was only in fashion for a fraction of a century, and only in our own country for so long as that.

Whiskers came in with the Prince Regent, and went out with the Prince Consort. That two men so extremely different should both have affected the decoration may prove the whisker has more charms than we are apt to believe. But how can Mr. Ponsonby's case stand against the dates? Men have been finding "unmanageable characteristics" in women for uncounted ages. To commend themselves to those rebellious feminine eyes men have attempted many torsorial variations, have shaved clean, worn long beards, short beards, square beards, pointed beards, worn nothing but a moustache. For each and all of these fashions long periods of popularity among nations are recorded; but for whiskers hardly a bare half-century in our own island, even less anywhere else. No man ever thought of whiskers before Brummell; hardly any man has ever thought of them since Lord Dundreary. It is credible that if the whisker were as potent over the fair as Mr. Ponsonby believes men would not have grown it before and kept it growing longer.

Deeply we feel his disappointment; but the Labour party must seek some other means of dealing with the "unmanageable characteristics" of its lady members. Not though all the late Ministry grew whiskers would they be safe.

MARRIAGE BY PROXY.

Queen Maria Sophia, widow of Francis II, the last king of the Two Sicilies, who has just died, is said to have been married by proxy. The event took place at Munich on January 8th, 1925, the late Leopold of Bavaria representing the absent husband, the unattractive son of the notorious "Bomba." Maria Sophia had not at that time seen her husband, but was permitted to look at a portrait of him after the ceremony. "Is he really as ugly as he is represented," she asked on her way to Naples. He was; and it was a minor complication that he could speak no German, while his wife could speak no Italian.

In the old days there was nothing unusual about marriage by proxy. It was by proxy that Charles II. was married to Katharine of Braganza. The royal substitute was the Earl of Sandwich, who was instructed to press certain business questions about the dowry which would have been unbecomingly in an ardent bridegroom. When Napoleon married Marie Louise, there was a proxy ceremony at Vienna before that at Notre Dame. A close competitor with Queen Maria Sophia for the honour of being the last of the "proxy" brides must have been Queen Maria Pia, sister of the late King Humbert of Italy, and grandmother of ex-King Manuel, who became the wife of the King of Portugal in this fashion at the age of sixteen.

Marriage by proxy is now a privilege of royalty. There have been many in humble life, and in Holland such ceremonies are common between Dutch settlers in the East Indies and their families at home. In these cases the formal permission of the Queen is required. During the war the practice was also revived in France and Germany.—*The Observer.*

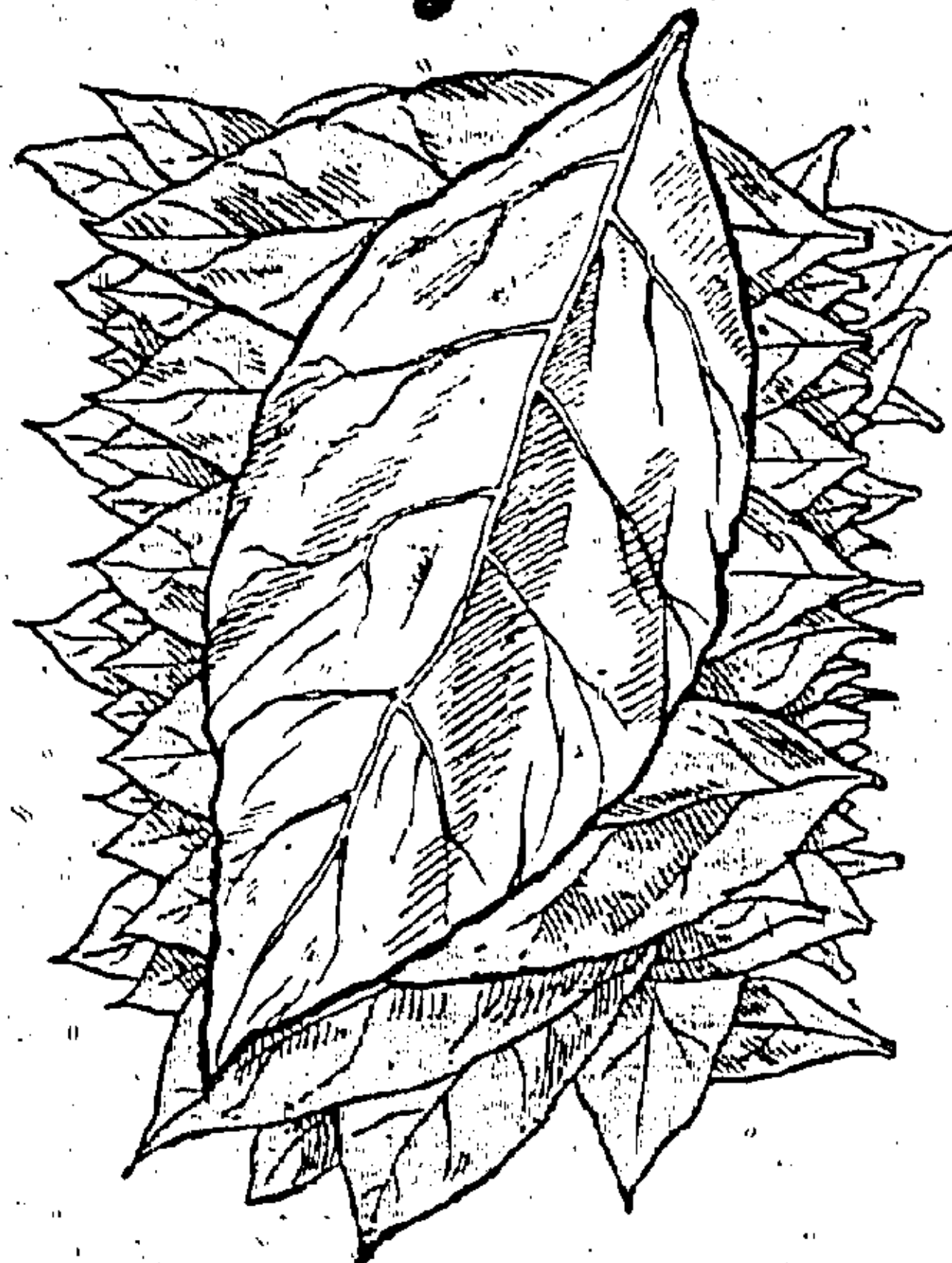
PREMATURE OBITUARIES.

One of the disadvantages of being prematurely reported as dead, says a writer in the *Observer*, is the difficulty of inventing a new joke about it. Mr. Irvin Cobb's telegram to the *New York World* the other day does not get very far from the stock repartee:—

I hate to disappoint anyone, but the Chicago report that I am dead is, so far as I can learn, entirely unfounded. In its lack of dogmatism that is perhaps most nearly approached by Dr. Venn, of Chius College, who found himself mentioned as dead in a book of current biographies. He wrote for further information: "I am not disputing the fact," he said. Mr. C. B. Burzin followed the example of Mark Twain by describing the rumour as "greatly exaggerated," and Whistler, who read a premature obituary of himself in the *Morning Post*, wrote sarcastically about "your gentlemen of the ready wreath."

Mr. Montague Crackanthorpe, whose demise was announced in *The Times*, wrote to say that he "was not really" (Continued at foot of next column.)

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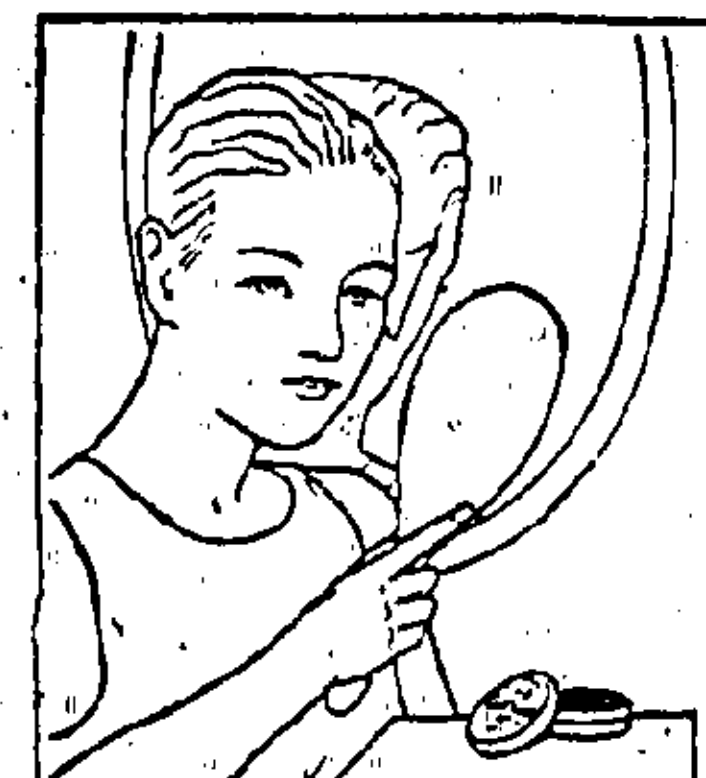
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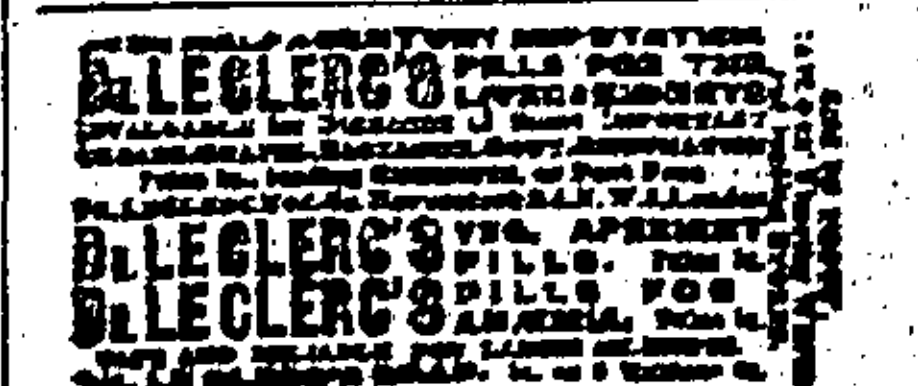
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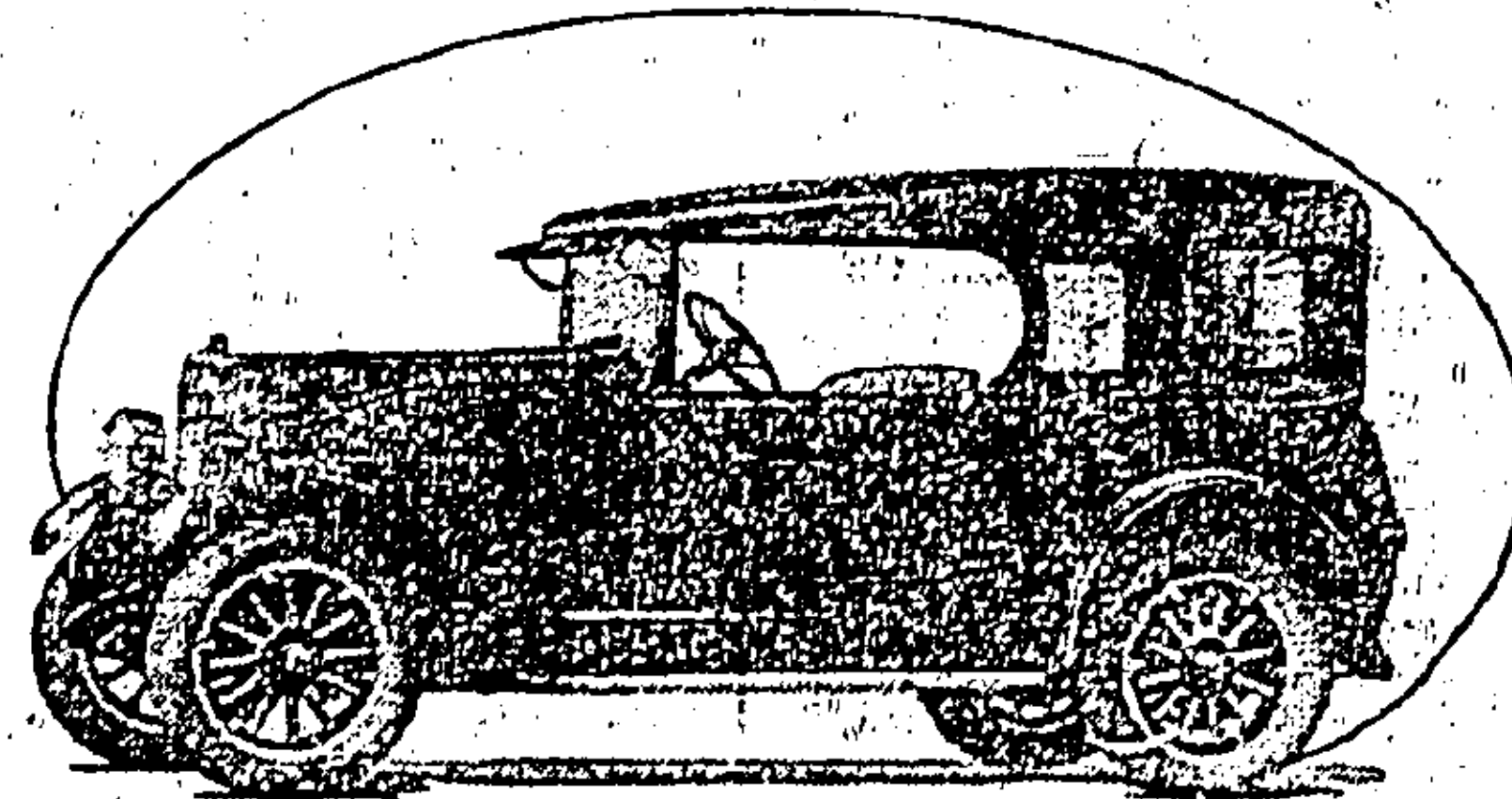
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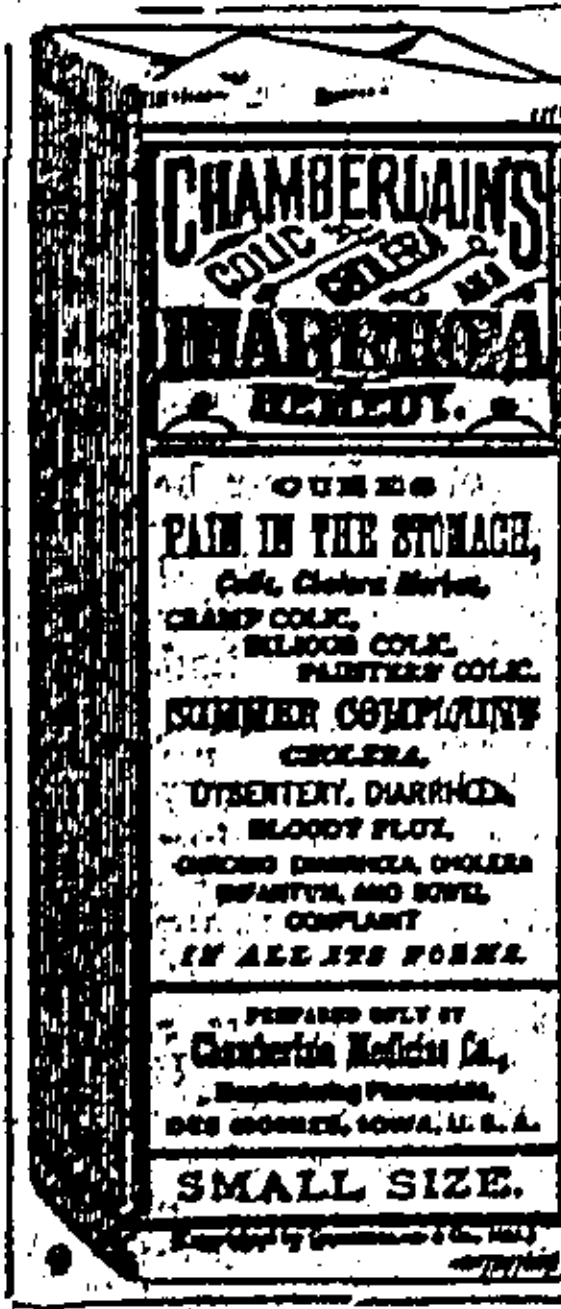
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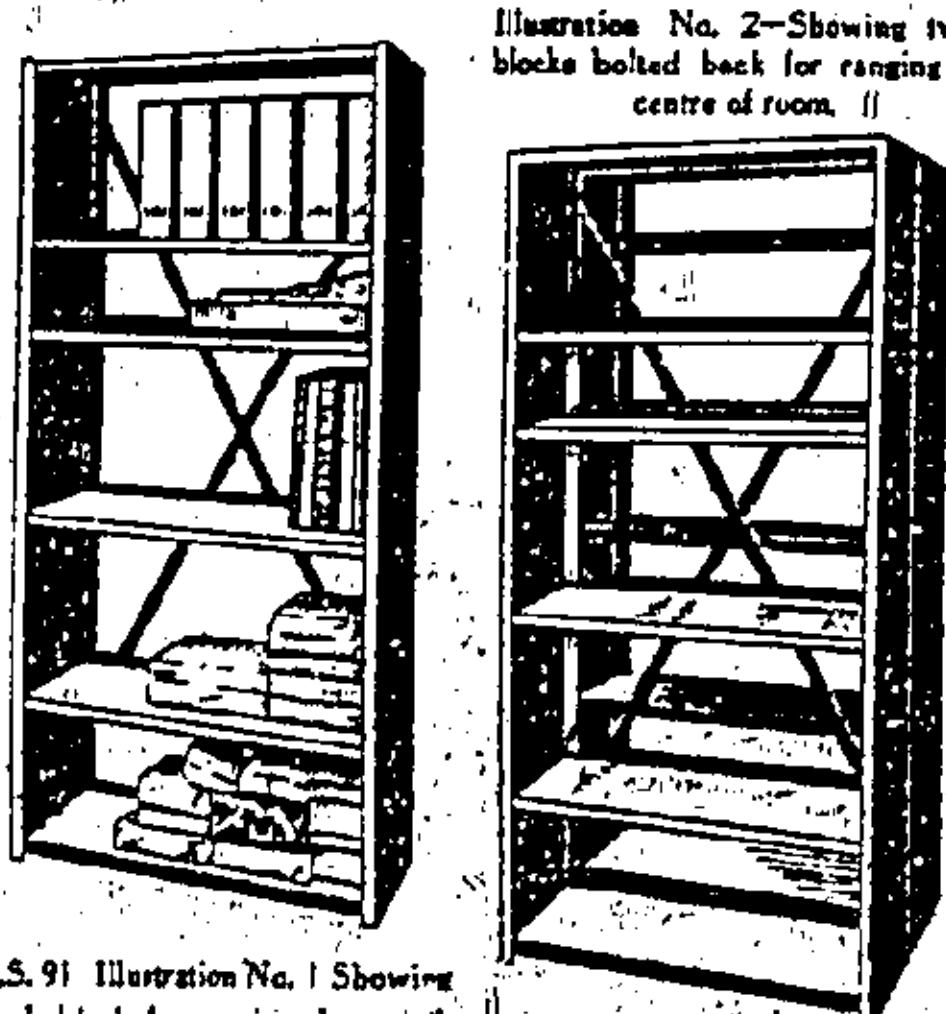
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WEATHER REPORT.

March 6th at 18.10.—Pressure has decreased slightly along the E. coast of China and over the Bonin Islands. It has increased slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone is central over Korea and S. Japan and has strengthened slightly. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, March 6th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.72 inches, against an average of 3.49 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, March 7th is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.
Formosa Channel	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoocks	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
Bend Sin (Ben), due to-morrow.
Sicilia (P. & O.), due to-day, about 6 a.m.
Takuta (B.I. & A.), due to-morrow.
Yamato Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-morrow.

Fong, Mr. F. R. Warner, Miss M. Wolvoka, Mr. Wong Tong, Mr. K. W. Wong, Mr. Wong U. Chang, Mr. Wong Soc Tack, Mr. and Mrs. J. Yorkston and family, and Mr. Yuen Mou Han.

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HONGKONG via SWATOW	... "HANGSANG"	Tuesday	10th Mar. 10 a.m.
YANGTSE via SWATOW	...	...	...
SHANGHAI	... "WASHING"	Wednesday	11th Mar. 7 a.m.
SANDEAN	... "KING"	Saturday	14th Mar. Noon.
MANILA	... "YUENKANG"	Saturday	14th Mar. 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	... "YATSEING"	Sunday	15th Mar. 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	... "LEESANG"	Sunday	15th Mar. 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	... "CHEONGSING"	Tuesday	17th Mar. Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "LAISANG"	Friday	20th Mar. 3 p.m.
KOREA via AMOY & SHANGHAI	... "KUTSANG"	Tuesday	24th Mar. 7 a.m.
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"GLENSANDA"	5th May

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"FEMERBROOKSHIRE"	16th Mar.
London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oron	
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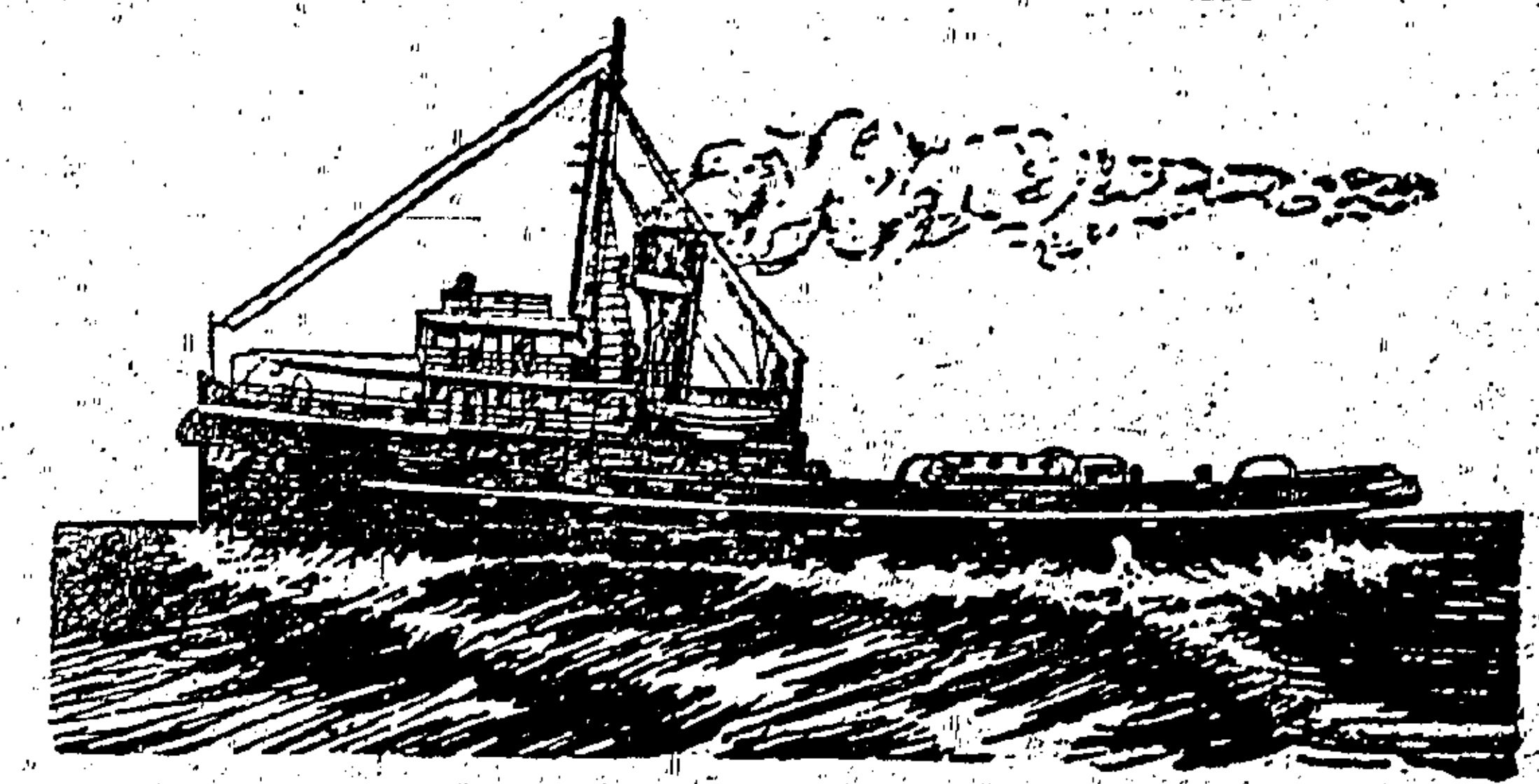
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
Australia & Manila	Amoy	7th March
Straits	Amoy	7th March
Shanghai	Amoy	7th March
Manila	Amoy	7th March
Straits	Amoy	9th March
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Amoy	9th March
(London, 18th February)	Amoy	9th March
Japan	Amoy	10th March
Australia and Manila	Amoy	11th March
Japan	Amoy	17th March

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fort Bayard	Hoi Nam	Saturday, 7th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A.	Taiyo Maru	Registration 9.15 A.M.
*Canada *Central & *South America		Letters 10.00 A.M.
*EUROPE via San Francisco		
—due San Francisco 2nd April		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 3rd April	Malacca	Registration 9.45 A.M.
		Letters 10.30 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Tjisondari	11.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Fuk Tai	12.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Wai	3.30 P.M.
Japan	Kiyo Maru	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Suebia	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Glenyle	Sunday, 8th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kiyo Maru	9.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kiyo Maru	9.00 A.M.
Iloilo	Wray Castle	9.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingyang	Monday, 9th, 8.30 A.M.
Amoy	Suebia	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3.30 P.M.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Banyang	Tuesday, 10th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 7th April	Patroclus	Registration 9.45 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan		Letters 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hakone Maru	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C. —due Victoria B.C. 22nd March — Europe via Siberia (correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Patroclus	Noon
Swatow	Patroclus	2.45 P.M.
		Letters 3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Waikiki	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 15th April	Katori Maru	Wednesday, 11th, 8.45 A.M.
Straits and India	Jeppore	9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haining	Friday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Patroclus	Saturday, 14th, 3.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 15th April—Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 15th March	Angkor	Registration 4.15 P.M.
		Letters 5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 29th March	Tango Maru	Wednesday, 18th, 8.45 A.M.
		Letters 9.30 A.M.

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On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,075
Credit, 4 months sight	1,175
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand	54 1/2
Credit, at 30 days sight	55 1/2
On Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer	163
Bank Bills, on demand	163
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Telegraphic Transfer	163
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Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
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On Yokohama—On demand	136 1/2
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On Ningbo—On demand	nom.
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